



LOUISIANA STATEWIDE TRANSPORTATION PLAN UPDATE
ADVISORY COUNCIL MEETINGS – ROUND THREE
STATE HWY OPERATIONS & MAINTENANCE |
REGIONAL PLANNING OFFICIALS

January 22, 2014 • 1:00PM to 5:00PM

Marriott Hotel, Baton Rouge, LA

Last Name	First Name	Affiliation
State Highway Operations & Maintenance Advisory Council Members		
Boyle	Scott	LA DOTD
Broemmelsiek	John	FHWA
Dupuy	Roy	LA DOTD
Gallien	Ronald	LA DOTD
Glascoock	Stephen	LA DOTD
Latino (Chair)	Vince	LA DOTD
Lissard	Chris	LA DOTD
Miller	David	LA DOTD
Mix	Leslie	LA DOTD
Roussell	Troy	LA DOTD
Tindell	Keith	LA DOTD
Regional Planning Officials Advisory Council Members		
Belanger	Kevin	South Central Planning & Development Commission
Bush	Grant	IMCAL
Decker (Chair)	Dennis	LA DOTD
Hill	Marshall	LA DOTD
Hollier	Michael	Lafayette MPO
Jiles	Steve	LA DOTD
Lachney	Jonathan	LA DOTD (for Murphy Ledoux)
Marretta	Leo	Houma-Thibodeaux MPO
Mason	Ken	LA DOTD (for Ricky Moon)
Mitchell	Doug	North Delta Planning and Development District
Oliver	William	LA DOTD
Roesel	Jeff	NORPC (for Walter Brooks)
Rogers	Kent	NLCOG
Schilling	Allison	LA DOTD
Setze	James	CRPC
Other Attendees		
Broussard	Dan	LA DOTD
Chapman	Jason	LA DOTD
Decker	Dennis	LA DOTD
Fillastre	Chris	LA DOTD
Johns	Matt	LA DOTD
Kalivoda	Eric	LA DOTD
Romeo	Robin	LA DOTD
Sholmire	Dawn	LA DOTD



Last Name	First Name	Affiliation
Suarez	Mark	LA DOTD
Babineaux	Butch	CDM Smith
Goodin	Krista	CDM Smith
Vary	Donald	CDM Smith
Nelson	Gordon	Fenstermaker

PURPOSE

The purpose of the Third Round of Advisory Council meetings was to brief the Advisory Councils on the status of the Plan update, discuss revenue scenarios, review and finalize the policy recommendations, and discuss Plan implementation.

Note: This meeting summary is a compilation of the input received from the Advisory Council members and reflects the views expressed.

HANDOUTS

- Agenda
- Vision, Goals, Objectives, and Performance Measures
- Revenue Forecast Charts
- Revenue Forecast Line Items
- Funding Options
- Policy Recommendations
- Megaprojects List
- Megaprojects Priority Maps

MEETING SUMMARY

Opening Session

Don Vary, CDM Smith facilitator, welcomed the Advisory Council members and Eric Kalivoda, DOTD, spoke to the group about the department’s expectations for discussing the revenue scenarios for the Plan Update. Don Vary gave a brief presentation about the status of the Plan update. Highlights of the presentation included:

- Plan Status
 - Plan completion scheduled for mid-2014
 - Aviation and rail plans are under final review
 - Tasks to be completed:
 - Megaproject approvals
 - Supporting policies and implementation strategies
 - Economic impact analysis
 - Report assembly
- Vision, Goals, Objectives and Performance Measures



- Final draft to be approved by Executive AC and Policy Committee
- Megaprojects
 - 113 projects were presented in August 2013 and sorted into Priorities A through D
 - A total of \$41.5B in projects were submitted including 29 new projects, 10 non-highway projects and 35 interstate projects
- Financial forecast
 - Scenario 1 (Baseline revenues) will generate \$18.6B by 2044
 - Scenario 2 (Reduction) will generate \$16.1B by 2044
 - Scenario 3 (Modest Increase) will generate \$28.1B by 2044
 - Scenario 4 (Aggressive Increase) will generate \$35.1B by 2044
- Gap and Revenue Scenarios
 - How do we address the funding gap between revenues and needs?
 - Total shortfall over 33 years per mode:
 - Roadway & Bridge: \$12.59B
 - Transit: \$5.38B
 - Freight & Passenger Rail: \$1.98B
 - Waterways & Ports: \$6.61B
 - Aviation: \$1.94B
- Rural Louisiana Survey Results
 - Viable industries: natural resource-based; tourism, recreation, retirement communities; and Cottage industries
 - Transportation improvements: Improve access to attract industry, preserve mobility in transportation corridors; human services and higher speed access to jobs
 - Policies: Target/focus resources to maximize impact, coordinate with LED to complement economic development investments

State Hwy Operations & Maintenance and RPO Advisory Council Meeting

The agenda for the breakout State Hwy Operations & Maintenance and RPO Advisory Council meeting included:

- Asset Management Plan
- Megaprojects discussion
- Revenue scenario discussion
 - Policy recommendations discussion
 - Plan implementation discussion
- Wrap up/Next steps

Asset Management Plan Presentation – Chris Fillastre and Jason Chapman, DOTD

Chris Fillastre and Jason Chapman with DOTD gave brief presentations on the bridge and pavement management systems in DOTD's Transportation Asset Management Plan (TAMP). The TAMP is to be completed in March 2014. It is one of three state plans that will be used to develop an asset management plan model for other states to use. The TAMP will initially just focus on roadways and bridges.

Megaprojects

Dennis Decker facilitated the megaprojects review of priorities. He reviewed the Priority A and B lists for the Megaprojects. Key comments during the “A” Megaprojects follow:

- The SCPDD/HTMPO was disappointed the Houma-Thibodaux Connection to LA3137 (Project ID #9a) was included in Priority B and not Priority A especially since significant environmental work has been completed
- The Belle Chase Tunnel (Project ID #44) construction cost seems high
- Houma Tunnel (Project ID #43) cost doesn’t seem consistent with the \$60M cost estimate the consultants submitted to DOTD
- IMCAL would like to see the 368 Loop (Project ID #98) moved from Priority C to Priority B
- Some members mentioned wanting to see the local funding sources for megaprojects if applicable. Separate costs from other funding in separate column and define other sources
- Cost for New Orleans to Baton Rouge Commuter Rail should be \$250m based on recent study
- Confirm cost for I-49 (Project ID #4) doesn’t include bridge
- Double check all mega project maps to make sure they are consistent with project shown in listings (for example, delete line from I-210 in Lake Charles in Priority A figure and dots representing I-12 interchange improvements should be moved to Priority B figure)

Policy Recommendations Discussion

- Ranking for Policy Recommendation INF 30 should be changed from Low to High
- Rankings for Policy Recommendation INF 31 and INF 33 should be shown as High
- Rankings for INF 35 and CDE 26 should be shown as Medium
- Ranking for S-5 should be shown as Medium

New Policy Recommendation Topics Discussion

The AC members discussed a few topics to consider adding new policy recommendations. The AC members agreed on adding policy recommendations for the following topics:

- Allow mobility funds money to be used on Priority A and B statewide plan megaprojects.
- Emergency preparedness
- Establish stand-alone program for ADA compliance (FHWA). Not more than a \$1M/year.
- Convert public vehicle fleets to alternative fuels.
- Support military presence in factor of project selection
- Increase amount for DOTD letter bids from \$500K to \$1M
- Add letter bid for federally funded projects in districts

Revenue/Funding Options Discussion

- The group selected 3B as the most realistic revenue scenario
- Based on pavement and bridge needs presented during the Asset Management presentation, the group recommended reducing some of the pavement preservation funding and increasing some of the bridge preservation funding amounts to be closer to actual needs:
 - Change NHS to \$100M
 - Change SHS to \$180M
 - Change RHS to \$130M
 - Change INT to \$75M
 - Change Off System Bridge to \$50M



- Increase funding for Street Lighting, Rest Areas (many will need to be rebuilt) and Major Repairs/Generators/Pump Stations (from \$6M to around \$10M in 2042). Need to figure out funding needs for interstate lighting.
- Local programs – Increase Parish Transportation Fund by \$5M
- The AC members voted for which funding options could most likely happen in Louisiana. The results of the votes follow:
 - Tolls – 2
 - Motor fuels sales tax (% of value) – 8
 - Sales tax – 6
 - Indexing motor fuel tax – 6
 - Local option tax – 10-12
 - VMT fee – 13-14